A table inſtructiue whan

and how a man may cõnyngly let bloude of all the neceſſary veynes of mans body very profitable for all Chirurgeons and Barbers.

A THE vaynes of the foreheade and the tempels do ſprynge and growe of the exteriall throte vaynes lyke as braunches, yͤ which muſt be opened drawyng the launcer ouerthwart the vayne, I call it lettynge ouerthwart the vayne accordynge to auncient doctours the which is not fully alonge the vayne: nor fully ouerthwart the veyne, but kepeth a meane betwene both. And the lettynge of this vayn is good for apoſtemes in the eyen, and the migram, and for great headache, and for alteration of the wytte, for the frenſy, and for the newe lepre.

B The veynes of the necke that communelye are called the vaynes Guiden or iugulares exteriores muſt be opened ouerthwart the veyne, lettynge the launcer declyne a lytle a longe the veyne but not to muche: or els it ſhuld be harde to ſtaunche the bloude. And he that wyll open thys vayne well, muſt cauſe the pacient to bowe his heade from that ſyde where he wyll open the vayne, that ſhe maye be bent. And this vayne muſt be opened (as ſayth Auicen) wt a launcer cum piſo, that is to ſaye, that hath a pyn ouerthwart about the ende of the lācer, to kepe it for goyng to depe in the veyne. And the lettinge of theſe veynes is good for the humors of the head, for the rewme and the migram. And it is to be noted that all the veynes of the head ought to be let after a man hath eaten, nother ought theſe veynes to be let in thoſe, in whome is requyred the power to engender, for (as ſayeth Auicen) through theſe veynes are voyded the ſprites yͤ nature doth ſend forth for generatiō.

C The veyne on the out ſyde of the arme the whiche the new practiſers communly do call Cephalica, & Galen vena externa and alſo Humeralis, taketh his originall with the Guiden or iugulares exteriores from the holowe veyne. And this veyne Cephalica muſt be opened with a greater hole then the other veyns, or els (as ſayeth Haly abbas the auncient phiſition in the fourth boke of his practyſe) yͤ foreſayd veyne is daungerous to fall to an apoſtemation. And greate hede muſt be taken for faylynge in openynge this veyn, for ſhe is ieopardous to let. For yf ye dare not touch this veyne Cephalyke, and ſhrugge to open it (as ſome barbers or Chirurgens that be not wel expert do) ye ſhall do great harme to the patient and cauſe daunger of apoſtumation. Alwayes yf ye touch this veyne well at the firſt launcyng, ſhe is the ſame that of al veynes doth greue leſſe in lettynge of bloude: howe be it what ſo euer ye do make the hole metely greate. The openinge of this veyne is good for runnynge of the eyen, and all maner of headeache, and for the fallynge ſyckneſſe.

D The veyne that appeareth in the mydde of the arme before the bowynge of it, or after the bowynge, the whiche communely is called the Median or Mediana, or Nigra after Auicen, or after Haly abbas Mediaſtina, and after Rhaſis ad Almanſorem ſhe is called vena matrix or Cardiaca: hath her originall or ſprynge partly of the Cephalica, and partly of the Baſilica, yͤ whiche muſt be opened ouerthwart the veyne or at the leſt declinyng the lācer a lytel awaye: without one wyll let twyſe: and the lettynge bloud in this veyne, is good for all greues & diſeaſes of the members, ſtomacke, rybbes and ſydes: for ſhe is the fountayne of all the body.

E The veyne that cōmunely is called the Baſilica, and after Galen, vena interna / ſomtyme ſhe is called Iecoraria others do call her Hexatica or Regia. Rhaſis (bycauſe ſhe doth go throwe the arme holes) doth call her vena axillaris, and ſhe doth procede and come from the holowe veyne, beynge yet in the [illegible] before ſhe hath furnyſhed the interior iugulares or throte veynes. Her originall or ſprynge is of the ſtomacke, lyuer and harte, and her [illegible] is in the out ſyde of the arme. Of the which [illegible] ſhall open her, ought to take diligently hede for [illegible]. For harde by her is a greate ſynowe lyke vnto a veyne wherin the ſprite of lyfe runneth vp and downe, & [illegible] with bloude, the which yf it be opened, the pacient [illegible] in ieopardy of his lyfe, as Galen doth ſaye in his [illegible] lettynge of bloud. Under the ſame Baſilica are alſo [illegible] ſynewes touchynge the foreſayde veyne: Therfore ſayth Rhaſis in his .xxviii. boke: Eſchue the Baſilica as muche as is poſſible, without it be for great nede: otherwyſe it is better to take the Median.

F The veyne that appeareth about the toppe of the pulſe is the braunche or twygge of the Cephalica.

G The ſeconde veyne that lyghtely appeareth about the myddelmoſte fynger, & is cōmunely called Funis brachii, is alſo a braunche or twygge of the Cephalica.

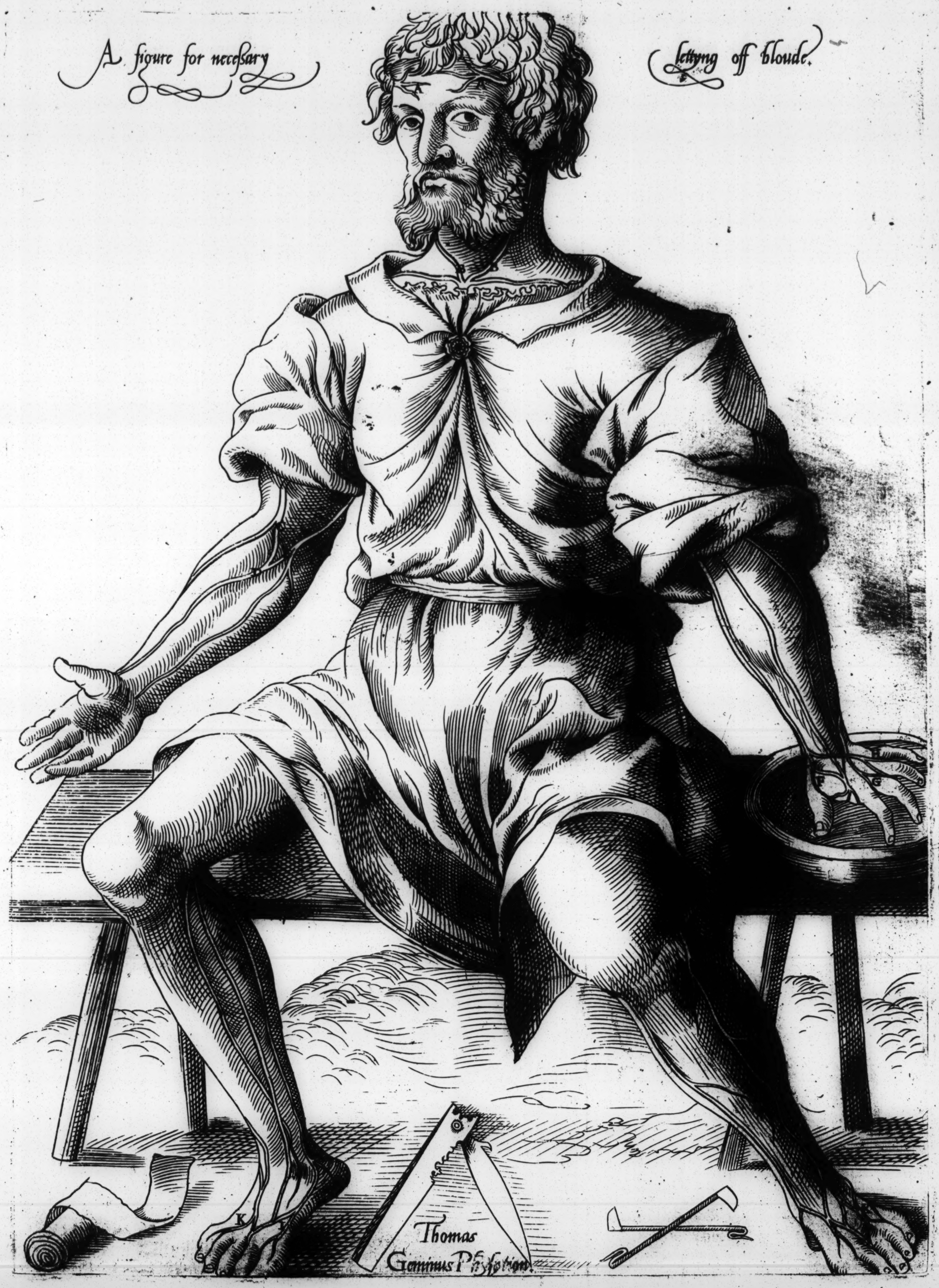
H The thyrde veyne of the hande the whiche appeareth about the lyttell fynger, & is cōmunely called of the Phiſicians or Chirurgians Saluatella or vena ſcillaris or Aſcellaris, is alſo a braunche of the Baſilica. The whiche veynes of the hand as alſo other outwarde veynes, are of ſmall value or profite to be let or opened: becauſe they neuer yelde much bloude. And theſe muſte be opened as thoſe of the fete, namely in warme water, to cauſe the veynes to ſwell aboue the ſenowes.

I The veyne of the inner ankle of the foote, the which appeareth more perfectely than the other, is cōmunely called Saphena, and commeth (as doth alſo the Sciatica) from the great holowneſſe that is vnder the knee.

K The other veyne that is on the outſyde of the foote is called Sciatica, and commeth lykewyſe of the great holowneſſe vnder the knee. And the lettynge of theſe two veynes is good for all maner of ſwellynges and apoſtemes of the preuy members. The which veynes of the fete are perillous for depe launcyng, and ſpecially the Sciatica, which is more fearefull to be touched then the Saphena. For yf ye open the Sciatica and launche to depe, for feare of ſwellynge, becauſe they appeare ſo ſmall: ye ſhal hardly eſcape, but that ye ſhall touche ſome ſenowe adioynynge to the ſame veynes, whereof might come great payne & other euil accidentes: As we haue ſene otherwhyles that for ignoraunce of the barbars and Surgeons, the pacient [illegible] fall into diuerſe greues of the ſenowes or the crampe. This and ſuch lyke greues therfore are yͤ cauſes why it is [illegible] bath the hande and feete in warme water [illegible] be launched, to cauſe them to ſwell and appeare [illegible] for they be lytle of them ſelues, and in [illegible] with the launcer, ye muſt always be[illegible]. Alſo the Sciatica muſt be launched as yͤ Saphena [illegible] a lytle ouerthwart, ſeynge they appeare [illegible] nerally euery veyne that is in a place [illegible] twene ſenowes muſt be opened alonge the veyne [illegible] for two reaſons: The fyrſte is to eſchewe the [illegible] what place ſo euer they be. The ſecōd is that [illegible] is cut or blemiſhed alonge the veyne, [illegible] for the crampe or other euyl accidentes [illegible] his .v. boke of Methodus Therapentice) [illegible] launched alonge or a lytle ouerthwart.

¶ Behold gentle reader theſe are the [illegible] ly in vſe to be letten. There are many [illegible] maye be cut or let for diuerſe greues [illegible] cauſe they are not or lytle in vſe [illegible] other auncient Grekes haue made [illegible] of them in theyr wrytynges: therfore [illegible] table ſhall ſe the at this tyme, by the [illegible] ciſe and teache the ſelfe lyghtely [illegible] any euyll accidentes to let any vayne [illegible]

¶ God ſaue the kynge.

¶ Imprynted at London [illegible]
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